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4 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Operations Center

SUBJECT : Newspaper Caper

Vince:

- 1. I left word with your secretary that your newspaper problem has been solved.
- 2. A local vendor, I think from McLean, normally makes the special delivery about 3:00 a.m. He has been turned off by the fact that the guards asked for identification. I will fill you in on the reason for the guards tightening up, but despite our good reasons, the driver didn't think they were worth making the delivery and was inclined to drive away.
- 3. The following is established: LSD will notify the vendor to leave the papers with the guards at the gate. There will be a standing instruction for the guards to notify the Watch Office that the papers have been received and are being delivered. The Security Duty Office will send a car to the guard shack to pick them up.
- 4. This should solve the problem. If not, or if there are any other problems, please let me know.



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2 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: ADDA EXO/DDO

SUBJECT

: Timely Delivery of Early Edition of

The Washington Post

Dear John, Bob,

- 1. Over the past three weeks we have been experiencing considerable and consistent difficulty in getting our early morning (approximately 0300) editions of The Washington Post in time to produce the widely read and I hear eagerly awaited, Morning News Highlights. For your background, these highlights are culled from five eastern seaboard newspapers: The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Baltimore Sun, and The Christian Science Monitor, all but The Post delivered to this building by truck from a local distributor around 0700, thus making it available to us shortly thereafter. Because of apparently more stringent access controls at the gates, and difficulty with the Post early driver, the delivery of this newspaper has not been made a number of times over the past three weeks, thus necessitating our awaiting the later delivery between 0730 and 0800, making it all but impossible to get the Highlights out before the 0900 DCI morning meeting.
- 2. I have been reluctant to raise this issue with you before now, hoping that lower level attempts through the Acquisition Branch of the Office of Logistics would be successful. It appears, however, as near as we can determine, that some sort of a problem exists between that office and the local distributor, The Post and those in Security responsible for these new access controls. It is for that reason I must raise this issue and ask for your assistance.
- 3. The modialities of how this difficulty is solved are of no special concern to us. We simply wish to be able to reliably count on receipt of the early editions. We have looked into getting it from a local shop but none in McLean are open that early.

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4. This note is not meant to be critical in any way, but is designed to convey my concern less this situation continue with its consequent effect on our ability to provide a desirable service in a timely way.

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